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Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated February 27, 2001, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-31, for continued prosecution herein.

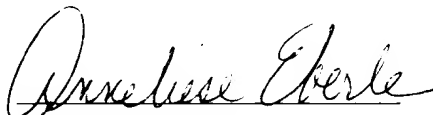
Claims 1-39 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-31, drawn to a liquid crystal display device, classified in class 349, subclass 117, and

Group II, Claims 32-39, drawn to a method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device, classified in class 349, subclass 187.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-31. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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